



Response Under 37 CFR § 1.116

Expedited Procedure 22 **Examining Group 1700**

PATENT APPLICATION U.S. Serial No. 09/714,424

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Group Art Unit 1732

In re application of

HIGH PERFORMANCE

MICROCELLULAR FOAM AND

Carl J. SERMAN et al.

MANUFACTURING METHOD AND

APPARATUS THEREOF

Serial No. 09/714,424

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Examiner: Allan R. Kuhns

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

February 13, 2003

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 14, 2002, Applicants hereby submit the following election, claim amendment, and remarks. A three-month Petition for Extension of Time and appropriate fee are being submitted herewith.

The Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Group I, covering claims 1-15 and 19, drawn to a method of manufacturing a microcellular polyurethane foam;

Group II, covering claim 16, drawn to a solid circular tire for attachment to a bowling ball lift wheel; and

> I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on February 13, 2003 Linda C. Seger (Name of Person Mailing Paper) 02/13/2003

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